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SUBJECT: CIEC BUDGET PROPOSAL

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED CIEC BUDGET PROPOSAL PREPARED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUITTON AND FIND IT A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT. AT FEBRUARY 2 MEETING OF CIEC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE US DELEGATION SHOULD AGREE TO PROPOSED BUDGET AND TO FORMATION OF CIEC SECRETARIAT ON THIS BASIS. IN ADDITION, US DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WHAT SORT OF BUDGET PAYMENTS SCHEDULE IS ENVISIONED? (US PREFERENCE IS FOR PAYMENTS IN THREE MONTH ALLOTMENTS AND YOU SHOULD URGE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS POINT);

B. IS PROVISION OF AUDITORS BEING CONSIDERED TO REVIEW CIEC BUDGET IN CONFORMITY WITH ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE? (AN ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE ONE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR TO BE SELECTED BY EACH CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMAN; THE TWO AUDITORS TO REPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE);

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TIVE AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE);

2. AT G-8 CAUCUS ON CIEC ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS JANUARY
30, US DELEGATION, IN ADDITION ABOVE POINTS, SHOULD
QUESTION:

A. AS POSSIBLY EXCESSIVE FF 1 MILLION FOR TRANSFER AND
TRAVEL OF SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL (ARTICLE 20);

B. AS POSSIBLY NOT AN APPROPRIATE SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITY,
AND ALSO EXCESSIVE, FF 800,000 FOR REPRESENTATION (ARTICLE 40).

US WILL ACCEPT G-8 CONSENSUS ON THESE POINTS, UP TO
AMOUNTS STATED, PROVIDED RESERVATIONS FIRST MADE KNOWN
TO G-8. INSTRUCTIONS ON COST SHARING IN G-8 CONTINUED
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